

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Ameren)
Transmission Company of Illinois for a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity) **File No. EA-2024-0302**
Under Section 393.170.1, RSMo Relating)
to Transmission Investments in Northwest)
and Northeast Missouri)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: May 2, 2025

Effective Date: May 2, 2025

On April 4, 2025,¹ the Commission issued an Order setting the time for intervention at April 18. On April 18, Rebecca McGinley and David Gregory filed applications to intervene. On April 28, ATXI filed an opposition to each of the applications to intervene.

Ms. McGinley is the sole member of McGinley-Krawczyk Farms, LLC and has representation. However, it is unclear whether the application to intervene was filed on behalf of Ms. McGinley, personally, or on behalf of her Limited Liability Company, and it is also unclear which entity is represented by counsel.

Mr. Gregory's interests in this matter are also unclear. He states in his application to intervene that he owns land in the "surrounding area" in Albany, Missouri, but does not indicate whether this is within the proposed route in ATXI's application. There is a revocable trust, Douglas A. Gregory Revocable Trust, that has been identified as owning property on the proposed route. But, it is also not clear from the application to intervene, what, if any, relationship Mr. Gregory has to the Trust.

¹ All dates refer to the year 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(5), specifically addressing practice before the Commission, states: A natural person may represent himself or herself. Such practice is strictly limited to the appearance of a natural person on his or her own behalf and shall not be made for any other person or entity. The basis for these Commission Rules is found in Sections 484.010 and 484.020, RSMo. Section 484.010, RSMo, defines the practice of law as: the appearance as an advocate in a representative capacity or the drawing of papers, pleadings or documents or the performance of any act in such capacity in connection with proceedings pending or prospective before any court of record, commissioner, referee or any body, board, committee or commission constituted by law or having authority to settle controversies. Section 484.020, RSMo, restricts the practice of law and engagement in law business to licensed attorneys.²

Under Missouri law a trust must be represented by an attorney. “A statutory entity such as a trust or corporation must appear in court through counsel, and, while an individual property owner may appear pro se, a trustee cannot.”³ A non-attorney representing a trust would amount to the unauthorized practice of law, which is forbidden under Missouri Law. Mr. Gregory has not indicated that he is an attorney licensed in the state of Missouri.

Accordingly, the Commission will direct Mr. Gregory to clarify whether he is an individual landowner who owns property within the proposed route or whether that land is owned by a trust and will direct the counsel who filed the McGinley-Krawczyk Farms, LLC application to clarify whether the representation is of Rebecca McGinley in her individual capacity or of McGinley-Frawczyk Farms, LLC.

² *Reed v. Labor and Indus. Relations Com'n*, 789 S.W.2d 19, 21 (Mo. banc 1990).

³ *Collison v. Dir. of Revenue*, 621 S.W.3d 165, 168 (Mo. banc 2021).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than May 9, 2025, Mr. Gregory shall file a supplement to his application indicating whether he is an individual landowner who owns property within the proposed route or whether that land is owned by a trust.
2. No later than May 9, 2025, the counsel who filed the McGinley-Krawczyk Farms, LLC application to file a supplement to the application to indicate whether the representation is of Rebecca McGinley in her individual capacity or of McGinley-Frawczyk Farms, LLC.
3. This order shall become effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Riley G. Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of May, 2025.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 2nd day of May 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 2, 2025

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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